GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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GUIDELINES TO NAXAL AFFECTED STATES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has requested the naxal affected States that they should not ask for more Central Reserve Police Force to handle the left wing extremism in their respective States;

(b) if so, whether the Union Government has also asked the States to focus on filling up the vacant posts in their police set ups;

(c) if so, whether this matter has also been discussed at the two-day meeting of the task force constituted by the Union Home Ministry on the naxalite problem in the country;

(d) if so, the reaction of the States to these proposals; and

(e) the steps being taken by the States in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (e): Concerned State Governments take necessary action to deal with naxalite activities. The Central Government supplements their efforts and resources by a variety of measures that include deployment of Central paramilitary forces which work under the control of the State Government connerned, sanctioning of India Reserve battalions, assistance for strengthening of the State police and Intelligence agencies, re-imbursement of security- related expenditure, assistance in training of State police forces, sharing of Intelligence, bringing about inter-State coordination and assistance in development works through a range of schemes of various Ministries.
33 battalions of Central paramilitary forces (inclusive of 1 battalion of State Armed Police on inter-State deputation) are deployed for anti-naxalite duties in various States to assist the State police forces.
Deployment of Central paramilitary forces, in various States, from time to time, depends, inter alia, on the overall law and order situation obtaining and the availability of forces.
After the naxalite attack on multiple police establishments in Nayagarh and Ganjam districts of Orissa on 15/16-02-2008, 4 companies of Central paramilitary forces were immediately made available to Orissa (in addition to the 4 battalions already deployed in the State).
States are being assisted in, and requested for, steps as are important in dealing with naxalite activities, which include essentials for effective policing, like

(i) providing secure police station buildings, trained personnel, basic amenities for the personnel deployed and specialised equipment, weaponry and vehicles at the police station level,

(ii) strengthening of the State Intelligence set-ups, for enchancing capabilities for collecting, sharing and using actionable Intelligence,

(iii) optimal utilisation of existing training capacity and creation of additional training capacity,

(iv) raising specialised units/task forces, trained in counter-insurgency and jungle-warfare, for anti-naxalite operations,

(v) expeditious filling up of the vacancies in the State police forces,

(vi) improvement in the police-population ratio, in consonance with the law and order requirements,

(vii) adequate provisions for equipment, weaponry, mobility, communication, training, police buildings and housing and forensic science in the State police budget and

(viii) expeditious investigation and prosecution of naxalite crimes.

The Task Force under Special Secretary (Internal Security), with senior officers from Intelligence agencies, Central paramilitary forces and State police forces, delibrates upon the gamut of operational steps needed to deal with the naxalite activities and to bring about coordination between authorities of different States as may be necessary.